



FEMA

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Replace Public Services Building City of South Bend, Washington FEMA-DR-1499-WA HMGP

On February 28, 2001 the Nisqually Earthquake struck Western Washington State. In all, 24 counties and 25 Indian Reservations were included in the Presidential Disaster Declaration. Pursuant to section 406 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1998, as amended, The City of South Bend, Washington has requested (through the Washington State Emergency Management Division) for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for assistance to replace the Public Services Building.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and FEMA's implementing regulations, FEMA prepared a Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) to identify and evaluate potential environmental impacts resulting from the alternatives presented in the SEA and to determine whether to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). Alternatives evaluated in the SEA include: (1) Construct a new Fire Hall at a new location near the new City Administration Building (Preferred Alternative); (2) Relocate the new Fire Hall to the Old Foundry Site and (3) No action. The Draft SEA was made available for public review and comments. FEMA received no comments on the draft SEA.

PROJECT CONDITIONS

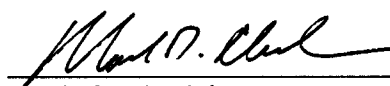
1. The city of South Bend will be responsible for obtaining and complying with all required local, state, and Federal permits/regulations/codes/standards prior to project implementation. The soils at the sites, seismic standards, and foundation problems with the current PS Building will be analyzed. The new structures will be designed to provide stable buildings.
2. The design will incorporate permanent storm drainage facilities in compliance with city of South Bend Ordinance #1227 (LAND ALTERATION AND SURFACE WATER CONTROL). These facilities will include features to limit the peak flow rate from the site and collect pollutants. The city will be responsible for the continued operation and maintenance of these facilities.
3. The design and construction of the new structures will be in compliance with city of South Bend Ordinance #1167 (FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION). This Ordinance requires (among other things) the building be flood proofed to an elevation of 12.0 ft MSL (one foot above the Base Flood Elevation).

4. The construction will comply with local, state, and federal requirements related to preparation and implementation of erosion control plans, allowable turbidity, discharge of storm water from construction sites, periodic inspections, and use of clean and well-maintained equipment. This includes city of South Bend Ordinance #1227 (LAND ALTERATION AND SURFACE WATER CONTROL).
5. The city of South Bend will analyze the buildings to be demolished and prepare an inventory of items to be salvaged. The demolition portion of the contract will include provisions to maximize salvage opportunities in addition to items on the inventory list.
6. The city of South Bend is responsible for determining the presence of hazardous materials. If hazardous materials are found or encountered during the project, the applicant will comply with applicable federal, state and local hazardous materials handling and disposal requirements.
7. An Archeologist meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Standards will be on site to monitor the excavation. Should historically or archeologically significant materials (or evidence thereof) be discovered during the implementation of the project, the project shall be halted until FEMA (in consultation with SHPO, the Applicant and other concerned parties) develops and implements appropriate measures to ensure the project is in compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act.
8. If deviations from the proposed scope of work result in substantial design changes, the need for additional ground disturbance, additional removal of vegetation, or result in any other unanticipated changes to the physical environment, the Grantee must contact FEMA, and a re-evaluation under NEPA and other applicable environmental laws will be conducted by FEMA.

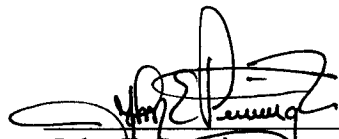
FINDINGS

Based upon the attached conditions and the SEA and in accordance with FEMA's regulations in 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 10 for environmental consideration, including Executive Orders (EOs) addressing floodplains (EO 11988), wetlands (EO 11990) and environmental justice (EO 12898), FEMA determined the proposed project with the prescribed conditions will not significantly affect the quality of the natural and human environment. As a result of this FONSI, an EIS will not be prepared (44 CFR Part 10.8) and the project as described in the attached SEA may proceed.

APPROVAL

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